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TOPIC Air Force Depot in STRAUSBERG

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EVALUATION

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1. The STRAUSBERG air force depot was located in the former rolling mill and comprised about one hundred men. Its former CO, Lt Col TSIMOVTEV, and his administrative officer, Capt ANTONOV, had been transferred to the Soviet Union. The name of the new CO was not yet known. The new administrative officer is Capt IVANOV.
2. The following information was obtained from warehouse records secured in the air force depot from 15 to 30 July 1949:

The following materials are apparently stored in this depot: Engine cowlings, propeller cowlings, tarpaulins for railroad freight cars, camouflage nets, water pumps, tractor spare parts, water and oil heaters, propellers for Po-2 aircraft.

A propeller with the type designation VD-1 NN was used for Po-2 aircraft. The service time for these propellers is three hundred flight hours. After this time the propellers will be turned in to the "3rd Category" Section for a thorough overhauling.

3. Eight power plants of type BMW-801 (14 cylinder double-row radial engine) and one in-line engine of type AM-42 were observed in the depot.
4. The air force depot was being surrounded with a 6 1/2 foot high board fence and was heavily guarded. Large quantities of twine were being stored in the depot, possibly for the manufacture of camouflage nets.

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Comment:

a. The existence of an air force depot in ~~WILHELMSTADT~~ was previously reported \*. This depot is located on Neugemuellenstrasse. From the previously observed shipments it is assumed that spare parts for airframes, power plants and aircraft accessories are stored in this depot.

b. The name of the previous CO of the depot was reported for the first time.

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d. The LAV-301 power plant is not installed in Soviet aircraft. It is assumed that the power plants of this type stored in the depot are either German power plants or Soviet copies with the type designation MAX-B1. The type AL-42 power plant is installed in the IL-10 aircraft.

e. The warehouse records are not being forwarded, since the entries on them are of no interest.

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